

the main entrances, one of the choicest in the building. Our exhibit consisted of articles made by our pupils in the sewing, needle-work, fancy-work, Sloyd, broom and mattress and kindergarten departments, besides some of our school appliances, books, etc. And two days we had some of our small boys exemplify the processes in Sloyd. First premiums were awarded every department, as well as several individual awards, and a gold medal has been promised for the excellence of the general exhibit.

TRADES.

The trades which we teach our pupils are sewing, dress-making, general needle-work, fancy-work, and music for the girls; broom-making, mattress-making, piano-tuning and repairing, music and cane-seating for the blind boys, and shoe-making and mending, farming and gardening for the deaf boys. It may be a surprise to some to have me refer to music as a *trade*. Well, that is just the way in which we regard it, for by a knowledge of it many of our graduates are to-day earning a livelihood. We teach music, then, *not as an accomplishment*, though it is a most pleasing one, but *as a trade*—a means to aid in solving the bread-and-butter problem.

A DEAF AND DUMB AND BLIND CHILD.

We have received into the Institution the only deaf and dumb and blind child of whom I have knowledge in our State. Her condition is such as to require the attention of a teacher and attendant constantly. For this arduous task we have secured the services of Miss Kate G. Monroe, of Cumberland county, who seems much devoted to her work and is making some progress in her undertaking. We do not hope to make a Helen Keller of the child, but we are delighted to know that she has already learned the meaning of several words. The name of the child is Beulah Templeton, of Stanly county.